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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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The Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann, Secretary of the Illinois State Commission, Was Forced to Pay Back to F. L. Osborne

THE \$400, WHICH HE HAD FLIMFLAMMED HIM OUT OF UNDER THE PRETENSE THAT HE WOULD COMMAND GOVERNOR EDWARD F. DUNNE TO APPOINT HIM ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER SHOP EXAMINERS.

MAJOR GEORGE W. FORD, BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMISSION WERE ALSO MADE PARTIES TO THE SUIT WHICH HAD BEEN INSTITUTED BY MR. OSBORNE TO RECOVER HIS MONEY. ON RECOVERING IT HE DISMISSED THE COURT PROCEEDINGS IN SANGAMON COUNTY AGAINST THE WHOLE SHOOTING MATCH.

ON ONE OCCASION AND BEFORE HE COULD PROCEED ANY FURTHER WITH THE EATING AND FEASTING HE HAD TO RUSH AROUND AND HUNT UP \$50.00 TO PAY THE HALL RENT AND FOR THE FINE GRUB.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER COLORED MEN IN SPRINGFIELD, WHO MAY ALSO ENTER SUIT AGAINST MR. SWANN AND THE STATE COMMISSIONS TO RECOVER SOME OF THE MONEY WHICH HE SHOOK OUT OF THEIR POCKETS FROM TIME TO TIME.

It will be recalled that it was stated in these columns January 3, 1914, that F. L. Osborne the leading Colored saloon keeper of Springfield, Ill., who also conducted a well paying barber shop on the side, that Mr. Swann made his headquarters in his saloon so it is said while he was hanging around Springfield assisting his bosom friend, "Ed." Dunne, to mismanage the affairs of state, that Mr. Osborne had instituted suit against the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann, to recover more than four hundred dollars which he claims he had been flimflammed out of by the Hon. Secretary of the Illinois State Commission under the pretext that all he had to do would be to snap his little finger at "Ed." Dunne as he delights to call him and he would be compelled to appoint him one of the members of the state board of barber shop examiners, he failed to land the job however for him then Mr. Osborne set up a loud and long howl for his money, and everytime that he would meet the Hon. Tommy Wallace Swann, he would do a lot of tall talking and running and as he always toted a big gun around in his hip pocket he more than successfully bluffed Mr. Osborne out for some time, at least Mr. Osborne proved himself to be very wise for he started on a dead run to consult a prominent law firm in Springfield and they finally advised him to set his own trap so as to catch all of the state commissioners in it as the Hon. Mr. Swann had blew most of his four hundred dollars in, in entertaining them on the fat of the land or in grand style so as to impress them that he is the second Booker T. Washington of the Colored race and the result was that Major George W. Ford, the sainted Bishop Samuel Fallows, who at one time himself, conducted some kind of a drinking saloon in the down town district in this city and all the other honorable commissioners were all made parties to the suit and the latter part of December, 1913, he instituted suit against the whole shooting match in the Circuit Court of Sangamon county.

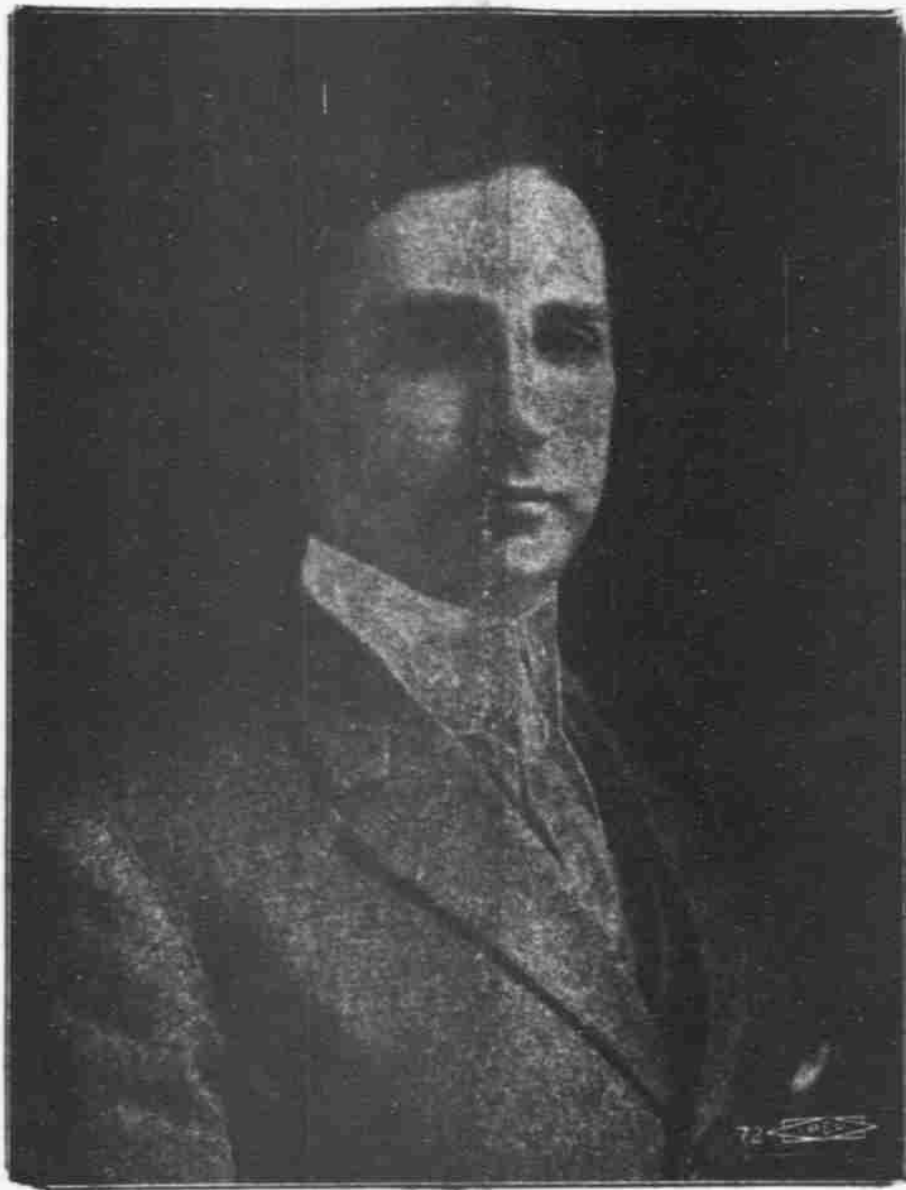
gentleman like he, was sued along with some dishonest, tricky Colored men who did not own one decent suit of clothes, it is claimed that even Governor Grace and that he almost felt like uttering a few cuss words himself, in order to clear up the more than unpleasant situation which he and the state commissioners had been placed in by his most distinguished friend the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann.

It required sometime to pass before it dawned on the cunning mind of the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann that there was only one way to make Mr. Osborne back up and close his mouth and that was to come across with his four hundred dollars which he did and after recovering his money and the court cost, Mr. Osborne dismissed his court proceedings against Col. Swann and the state commissioners, and Osborne must be given the credit for knowing just how to get ahead of flimflammers and dead beats to perfection.

On one occasion it is said that Col. Swann wanted to prove to his pal Governor Dunne, that he had money to burn that he was the wealthiest gentleman of Color in this state and in order to make good in that respect he decided to give a grand banquet at Masonic hall in Springfield, the affair was to be pulled off in honor of the state commission and other prominent White and Colored citizens, both ladies and gentlemen but it is claimed that just as his guests and the state commissioners were on the eve of entering the doors leading into it that the doors were slammed in faces and then locked tight and that those who had been invited to the eating or feasting were forced to stand around in the street in front of the hall and wait until the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann could rush around town and hunt up fifty dollars to pay the hall rent and for the fine grub and wine.

The following are said to be among the many other Colored men residing in Springfield whom the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann, in the most brazen faced manner relieved them of their money in order to impress Governor Dunne with the fact that he was a little dishonest rich Colored man.

Major George W. Ford, \$150 who was selected as one of the state commissioners by Governor Swann, J. M. Mosley, \$150, one crazy man \$90, and it is estimated that at the present time that he still owes the Colored citizens of Springfield and throughout the State of Illinois more than one thousand dollars aside from turning over the four hundred dollars to F. L. Osborne, whom he had endeavored to skin alive to a dead stand still.



HON. SAMUEL A. ETELSON.

Prominent leader of the Republican Party, middle member of the big law firm of Schuyler, Ettelson and Weinfeld who occupy an extensive suite of law offices on the 12th floor of the New York Life Building, has started on his campaign for re-election to the State Senate, from the 3rd Senatorial District.

Notwithstanding the above facts Governor Edward F. Dunne, is so dull minded that he labors under the hallucination that his warm chum, the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann is the highest embodiment of all that is good, true, beautiful and ennobling in the Afro-American race.

It seems that the present chief executive of Illinois is not unlike the great majority of short sighted narrow contracted White men who always greatly delight to elevate their Colored waiters, butlers, bootblacks or coachmen, the vicious and the most ignorant Negro over and above the intelligent, the honest, the manly, the property holding, the tax paying and the straight forward Colored man.

NEGRO FOLK SONG FESTIVAL HELD AT DALLAS, TEXAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MRS. E. AZALIA HACKLEY.

Was a Flattering Success.

Last week, a Negro Folks Song Festival was held at Dallas, Texas, in the Fair Park Coliseum, that city, under the auspices of the Dallas Colored High School.

Mrs. E. Azalia Hackley who is well and favorably known throughout the entire United States and part of Europe, for her fine singing and great musical ability, ably directed the affairs, which was in every way a flattering success.

It was attended by over three thousand people, half of the audience was composed of White ladies and gentlemen, representing all that is true and noble among the best class of Whites, in the southern states.

Most of the songs and choruses, were the productions of Colored composers and they were enthusiastically applauded by both the Colored and White attendants.

The Dallas Morning News, The Dallas Evening Journal and The Dallas Daily Times-Herald, all spoke in the highest praise of the Negro Folks Song Festival, and they heartily congratulated Mrs. Hackley for so successfully conducting it. It was indeed the great social event among the better class of both races.

Hon. W. H. Atwell, ex-United States District Attorney of Texas, was among the many prominent White citizens present and at the conclusion of the program, he delivered a short eloquent address, in which he congratulated his Colored fellow citizens on the fine appearance made by them on that occasion and that he felt doubly sure that they were making remarkable progress along musical lines and in other directions.

DEATH OF JOHN G. JONES.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of John G. Jones who passed into the beyond, Sunday, June 7th. In the death of Mr. Jones the community loses one of its useful citizens and the race one of its most fearless defenders. John G. Jones possessed, in a marked degree, certain prerequisites to leadership, that are strikingly wanting in many who aspire to leadership in these days. He was fearless, unselfish and sincere. He loved his race. He loved right and was willing at all times to dare anything, and to risk all in defense of either. He was not a "poser" but chose rather to bequeath to posterity the results and achievements of a life spent in serving his people. As a race man he was unique. His alertness and the intensity of his convictions on all matters affecting the rights and interest of his race earned for him the name "Indignation Jones." And truly he was possessed of a righteous indignation that never failed to materialize whenever the rights of the race were assailed or its liberty threatened. In the halls of legislation, on the platform and at the bar of justice he was ever a bold champion for right and fair-play.

Each one, no doubt, has his own estimate of John G. Jones but however they may differ, it is safe to say, "we shall all miss him."—C.

THE WEST MICHIGAN RESORT WILL NOT OPEN THIS SEASON.

It is claimed that owing to a misunderstanding between the stockholders, in relation to paying back some money which was obtained several years ago, in the way of a loan from Attorney Edward H. Morris, that the West Michigan Resort, which is located near Benton Harbor, Michigan, will not be thrown open to the public this season.

William R. Cowan, George H. Walker, Frank L. Hamilton, George W. Holt, B. F. Moseley, Col. Franklin A. Denison and Edward H. Morris, including Dr. George C. Hall, who is at present serving as president of the West Michigan Resort, are among its most prominent stockholders in Chicago.

It is said that Dr. Hall and Mr. Morris, may get together and conduct it in first-class shape and get every thing straightened out in time to open

Social Items and Gossip Concerning the Movements of Some of the Afro-Americans in Chicago

Weddings and plans for weddings continue to be the most interesting topics in society. The newest creation of entertainment for the bride-to-be is the "cake party", which is becoming a popular prenuptial function for the bride to give for her bridal attendants and most intimate friends. At these affairs all the guests take a hand in doing up the small squares of wedding cake and placing them in the dainty boxes that are afterwards distributed among the wedding guests.

Charmingly gowned was Miss Elenora T. Curtis, one of the North Side's favorites at the Jolly Twenty Dancing Party, Tuesday evening past, she wore a black satin gown trimmed in gold cloth made from the latest Parisian model; her height together with her wonderful personality classed her in the lime light for the entire evening.

Favorite Singer Home Again.

Mr. Rosmond V. Fortson, who for the past two years has been proprietor of the only Colored cafe in Centralia, Ill., is home again for an indefinite stay. His many friends greet with pleasure his appearance as Mr. Fortson has a rich baritone voice and wins the hearts of his hearers.

City Federation of Women's Clubs.

The city federation of women's clubs met Monday at Glencoe, Ill., over four hundred women delegates crowded the A. M. E. church long before ten o'clock A. M.

The morning session was given to the hearing of the various club reports then Attorney J. Gray Lucas addressed the federation in behalf of Isaac Bond, who is held as the Copper-Colored man in the Ida M. Legginsen case; after listening carefully to what had been brought to light the federation moved that a free will offering be raised to assist in bringing witnesses from Gary, Ind. for the coming trial. The afternoon session witnessed the installation of officers by Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, then delegates to the National and State Federations were elected. Mrs. Clara Johnson, President of the City Federation was elected as first delegate to the National Federation which convenes at Wilberforce, Ohio in August.

The September session of the City Federation will meet in Chicago and be entertained by the Phyllis Wheatly Club, The Young Matron's Club and Phyllis Wheatly Advisory Board.

Co-Eds.

Miss Ferris Lewis, who has been attending Fisk U. will return home Thursday morning bringing two young ladies (class-mates) whose homes are in California to spend their vacations. As Miss Lewis is quite popular in the social set we predict for the visitors nothing but enjoyment.

A Plan.

Why there are so few of our young ladies taking part in the suffrage and clubs of Chicago is a puzzle. If the younger girls of the many social clubs would read the history of the Colored Federation of Women's Clubs and compare with the history of the White Federation of Women's Clubs they would be more than proud in noting

the wonderful advancement the Colored women have made in such a short time. Think of it out of 65 Federated Clubs in this city we can only point to two as being composed of young girls, say from seventeen to twenty.

Mr. William Proctor, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Tony, of South Chicago returned to his home in Evansville, Ind., this week. Mr. Proctor is President of the Midnight Son's Club, and is noted throughout southern Indiana for his many styles of entertainments. He claims to have had a nice time while here and hopes to return again.

Mr. Alonzo J. Bowling A. M. will be the speaker of the afternoon at the University Society meeting the fourth Sunday in June. Mr. Bowling created a great sensation when he read his last address at Olivet Baptist Church entitled "The Development of the Civic and Religious Consciousness of the Afro-American of Chicago." As an orator few surpass him.

DePaul University Law Department sends forth an Afro-American graduate in the June class of 1914, in the person of Mr. Harris B. Gaines, son of contractor Gaines, 5140 Wentworth Ave. Mr. H. B. Gaines is well thought of, having connected himself with several secret fraternities also being a charter member of the University Society and Peerless Club. We congratulate him and wish for his future success.

The Progressive Negro League.

A well organized society whose motto is "To Progress", met at Anna Walker's Parlors, Sunday afternoon and a most interesting program was rendered among the participants was Mr. Ivan Stewart whose selection upon the violin attracted much attention. We would advise the young man to continue studying for his outlook seems to mark a genius.

Among the many visitors from New York this week is Mr. L. E. Quarrels, the noticeable tango dancer. He says Chicago is a fine city, but he prefers the New York dances.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny, of Forest Ave. are preparing beautiful presents to be sent to Washington, D. C. this week. The receiver will be Miss Louise Denny who graduates from the college course of Howard University this commencement. Miss Denny is a Washington girl. She made her first visit to Chicago last summer and won many friends.

Who is the most popular girl in Chicago it reads easy but—we have so many popular girls however you will have to determine which by votes so get busy.

The Criterion Club is planning an outing. My I wonder how you found that out. We are keeping it a secret. Well you know the truth will out.

We wish the chaperon wouldn't tell the things we want to keep to ourselves well drop her a line and see next week.

it before the end of the vacation season.

Mrs. Duncan, his niece, Mrs. DeBruhl, Mrs. Duncan, and Miss Harriet Hall.

Walter N. Hall of 3629 Forest Avenue was buried at Mt. Olivet cemetery on Sunday last, after a six months illness. He left surviving him, his sister,

Mrs. Kate Strong, formerly of Chicago, now residing in Seattle, Washington, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Emma Winslow and daughters, 3535 Wabash Avenue.